RICHMOND or *RICHMOUNT.*

A

POEM,

HUMBLY

Inſcribed to His GRACE

CHARLES

Duke of RICHMOND, &c.

----- O! quis me gelidis ſub montibus Æmi
Siſtat; & ingenti ramorum protegat umbra?

----- Hæc (inquit) limina Victor,
Alcides Subiit, hæc illum Regia cepit. VIRG.

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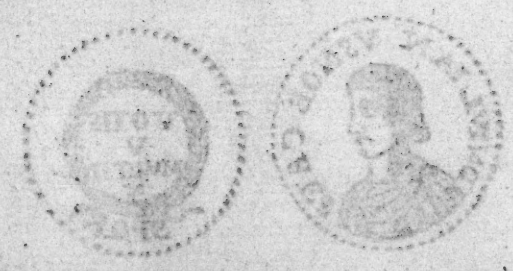
CHARLES

Duke of RICHMOND, &c.

---- O! quæ me gremio ad vestrum pulsum tenebræ
Sejunxi; & lucem foedum mortium pectori noctem?

---- Hæc, (inquit) limina Vitæ,
Mitiùs Subiit, hæc illum Regio cepit. VIRG.



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POEM.

PHOEBUS descend, on thy own (*a*) RICHMOND shine,
Her fruitful Hills, and Stream that is (*b*) *Divine:*
Her ever rouling Flood; thrice happy (*c*) *Swale*,
Bleſt are thy Banks, and doubly bleſt thy (*d*) *Dale.*

In pious Times, when Vertue was rever'd,
Religion practic'd then, as well as heard:

(*a*) *Richmond* is a large Town in the *North-Riding* of *Yorkſhire*, ſituated upon Three Hills, or Aſcents, which give Three different Proſpects of it, with large Hills on all Sides. This gives Title to the Preſent Duke of *Richmond.*

(*b*) *Cambden* tells us, that the River *Swale* was call'd *Divine;* from *Paulinus* a Biſhop, who in the Times of *Paganiſm* converted at one Time ſome Thouſands to the Chriſtian Religion, and baptized them in this Stream.

(*c*) *Swale* in the *Saxon* Language ſignifies any ſudden Fluſh, or rapid Current of Water.

(*d*) The whole Valley on each Side the River for many Miles together, is call'd *Swale-Dale.*

Some Venerable Piles were (*e*) founded here,
Whoſe ſacred (*f*) Ruins now too plain appear;
Where on a rugged (*g*) Rock, of old there ſtood
A Caſtle, to defend the *Norman* (*h*) Blood;
From whence an Ancient Race of Kings we Date,
Enroll'd within the Book of Time and Fate;
Whence by Deſcent the Illuſtrious (*i*) STUARTS came;
And gave to (*k*) *Lenox*, RICHMOND's greater Name.
Then Martyr'd *CHARLES* began his Sacred Reign,
CHARLES the Delight at once of GODS and Men:
His Royal SON of never dying Fame,
Of CHARLES and RICHMOND gave this ſhining Name.

To Thee! — — — — — — — — From

(*e*) In and about this Place have been many Religious Houſes, as Abbies, Priories, Nunneries, founded and endowed by the Earls of *Richmond* of the *Norman* Line; ſeveral Charters are extant, one whereof is now in the Poſſeſſion of *Cuthberth Routh*, Eſq; which is as follows; "Conanus Dux Brit. & Comes Richmundiæ dapifero ſuo & Conſtabulario & Vice-"comiti & cæteris Miniſtris ſuis ſalutem Sciatis quod volo & firmiter precipio quod Mo-"nachi mei de S^to^ Martino plenariè habeant, decimam Molendinorum meorum quæ ſunt "Richmundiæ. Quare mando vobis quod ſicut me & ſalutem prædeceſſorum meorum dili-"gitis, faciatis eis ad Statutos terminos ſine omni Occaſione prædict. decimam reddi quo-"cunq; modo Voluerint, ſive in blado, ſive in denariis xx s, qui ad prædict. decimam per-"tinent cum de Molendinis decem libras recipio. Quod ſi decimam dare noluerint qui "molendina in firma tenent, tunc precipio quatenus eos per catella ſua decimam reddere "compellatis, nè ego aut predeceſſores mei periculum animæ incurramus. Teſtibus his.

(*f*) Here is a beautiful Tower remaining of a Church that belonged to a Priory, call'd now the *Friary in the Town*.

(*g*) The Rock is very cragged, ſteep and inacceſſible on the South Side, where it is almoſt Perpendicular to the River *Swale*, betwixt the Bridge and the Mills; on the other Side the Aſcent is gradual from the Eaſt and North-Eaſt Part of the Town.

(*h*) The firſt Earl of *Richmond* was *Alan*, Sir-named the *Red*, or *Fergaunt* Son of *Eudo* Earl of *Britain*, &c. "Hic Alanus primò incepit facere caſtrum & munitionem juxta manerium "ſuum Capitale de Gilling pro tuitione ſuorum contra infeſtationem Anglorum hinc ubiq; "exhæredatorum ſimiliter & Danorum, & nominavit dictum Caſtrum Richmond ſuo ydio-"mate Gallico quod ſonat Latinè divitem montem, in editiori & fortiori loco ſui territorii "Situatum. *Dugd. V. I. p.* 877.

(*i*) *Margaret* Daughter to *Henry* VII. who was firſt Earl of *Richmond*, was married to the *Scots* King, from whence deſcended *James* I. King of *England*.

(*k*) The Duke of *Lenox* who came from *Scotland* with King *James*, and was afterwards created Duke of *Richmond*.

From ſuch exalted Birth who claims Deſcent,
Can want no Praiſe, no fulſome Complement;
Your Regal (*l*) SIRE for You, made this his Choice,
As Heaven did *Canaan*, next to Paradice.
This does as that, with Milk and Honey flow,
And (*m*) Rocks, and Clifts, their Bounteous Gifts beſtow:
Round all her Walls is one continued (*n*) Mine,
And Sacred Metals in her Bowels ſhine.
The Noble Pile the lofty Turrets ſhow,
Her Strength we from the Vale ſurvey below;
But when upon the mounting Cliff we ſtand,
And take a Proſpect of the Neighbouring Land;
Where Hills, and Vales, and Shady Banks appear,
Rich flow'ry Meads, ſweet fertile Paſtures there;
Here the ſwift Stream, o'er Rocky Pavements rouls,
Here foaming Surges no fierce Wind controuls;
But Caſcade like the rapid Currents flow,
And form harmonious Cataracts Below.

Then

(*l*) King *Charles* II. Father to the preſent Duke of *Richmond*.

(*m*) The Towns Men of *Richmond*, and the Neighbourhood have of late by digging into the Rock, call'd the *Caſtle-Hill*, diſcovered a Treaſure of various Sorts of *Roman*, *Saxon* and *Engliſh* Silver Coins; one of theſe by the Letters and Inſcription, ſeems to be a Dedication in Remembrance of ſome Abbot or Prior of the *Ceſtertians*; there being on the Face Side thereof theſe Letters, *Cænob. Ceſter*, and on the other *Votis cum multis*, (with a Croſs) included in a Garland of Lawrel, and upon the lower Part of the Rim, *Nobis*, the Letters inverted. They are reckoned to be of ſome Thouſand Pounds Value, and are undoubtedly the Property of his Grace the Duke of *Richmond*.

(*n*) In all the Hills about the Town, Copper or Lead is found, and the very Stones in ſome of the Rocks are full of Copper.

Then ſee at Diſtance from each Mountain Side,
Pure Streams of Rich Metallick Juices glide:
Here lies a Bed of Maſſy *Copper* Oar,
The (*o*) *Cyprian* Goddeſs treaſur'd up in Store,
For happy Thee, in ev'ry Hill and Grove,
Where we ſtill trace the (*p*) Beauteous QUEEN of LOVE;
And plenty ſtretching forth her lib'ral Hand,
To bring in (*q*) *Saturn*'s Reign to RICMOND'S Land;
For, Search the Bowels of the Teeming Earth,
Here Lead and Coal and Stone are brought to Birth;
And wholeſome Streams, with Springs of Chryſtal Hue,
Preſent their Fountain-Heads at ev'ry View.
Theſe with their Salutary Influence flow
Around thy Walls, and healing Gifts beſtow.

Now

(*o*) The *Cyprian* Goddeſs is *Venus*, the Planet to which Copper is aſſign'd.
(*p*) The beauteous Queen of Love is the ſame thing.
(*q*) *Saturn*'s Reign ſignifies the many Lead Mines that have been diſcover'd of late Years about *Richmond*.

Now let my Muſe ſurvey the Town within,
And ſee the Kitchen's (*r*) dirty, and the Streets lie clean;
But this is owing to thy Product *Swale*,
The fruitful Fields and Paſtures of (*s*) *Wentſedale*,
Where lowing Oxen glad the Breeder's Eye,
And Neighing *Steeds* the well-fenc'd Mounds defie.

But turn *Melpomene*, turn back and ſee,
RICHMOND of high *Parnaſſus* an Epitome;
Phœbus thy Sire, diſdains not here to Shine,
For here we find a (*t*) *Helicon* Divine:
We may thro' a much larger Country look;
For Hills like theſe, a Stream and ſuch a (*u*) Brook:
But for a POET, Muſe be (*w*) THWAITS thy Song,
Thou'llt die too ſoon, or he will live too long.

(*r*) *Dirty*, this was not introduced to diſcredit the good Houſwifry of the Ladies in this Part of the Country; but to ſhew the Plenty was ſo great of all manner of Proviſions, that it was no eaſy Matter to keep their Kitchen's clean.

(*s*) *Wentſedale* is a very fruitful Part, which is Famous for Breeding of Black Cattle and excellent Horſes.

(*t*) An incomparable School is here, that was founded and endowed by Queen *Elizabeth* with an Induſtrious and Able Maſter.

(*u*) The Reverend and Worthy Rector of the Place Mr. *Brook*.

(*w*) A merry witty Fellow, that keeps an Inn, and is a Proctor in *Richmond*.

F I N I S.

Page 3. *l.* 17. for *Here foaming* read *Where foaming*.

Now let my Muse survey the Town within,
And see the Kitchen's (r) dirty, and the Streets lie
clean;
But this is owing to thy Product Swale,
The fruitful Fields and Pasture of (s) Wensdale,
Where lowing Oxen glad the Breeder's Eye,
And Nibbling Sheep [illegible] Fenc'd Mounds defie.

But turn Melpomene, turn back and see,
Richmond of high Renown for an Epitome;
Behold thy Sire, Buildings not here to Shine,
For here we find a (t) Heroic Divine:
We may thro' a much larger Country look;
For Hills like these, a Stream and Such a (u) Brook:
But for a Poet, Mark be (xx) Thwaits thy Song,
Thou'lt die too soon, or he will live too long.

(r) Dirty, this was not introduced to difgrace the good Houswifry of the Ladies in this Part of the Country; but to shew the Plenty was to great of all manner of Provisions, that it was no hard Matter to keep their Kitchen's clean.

(s) Wensdale is a very fruitful Part, which is Famous for Breeding of Black Cattle and excellent Horses.

(t) An incomparable School is here, that was founded and endowed by Queen Elizabeth with a plentiful Revenue and Worthy Master of the Place Mr. Brook.

(u) A nearly way Fellow, that keeps an Inn, and is a Proctor in Richmond.

FINIS.

Page 4, l. 27. for the Poet's read Mons. Poet.